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Dear Linda -

It is despairingly beautiful weather - just a night's feeble rain to show us what we want - The sun rises at ~~exactly~~ ^{the} quarter to seven - as attested this morning for Mama had given me a dozen pansy plants which caused me to rise to the occasion and insert them in Mother Earth's body before church people appeared - Slugs eat every thing just as they used to - when you lived here - which phrase is to signify the third anniversary of your departure is on hand - Mama has just read yours & Gib's letters of Mardi Gras date - he writes a remarkably straightforward letter - & shows he's gained new ideas - your two styles are very different & each has its advantages - I suppose you have the same experience with ours - I'm glad you had even so little

a change to a theatre - Grand opera begins
a week from Monday - \$10 off on the season
tickets so, one can buy a sitting for \$50, \$40, 30
or \$20 - isn't that cheap? But really - we're
going to go to one - probably to Bohème -
with Melba - With our usual luck - yesterday
cleaning was well underway at 12 M - the step
ladder was in the hall - putting room curtains on
the back line - & its furniture jammed in the
parlor - etc. etc - when the bell rang - From
the lightness of step - I was sure 'twas Mama
who had gone out to take start a squab -
but have a rule never to go to the door in my
regalia - ∴ hid on the landing - (but found
my skirts showed) - Haylia announced -
"wire calling" & let Mr Buckley into that
parlor - while I flew up stairs while his
back was turned - couldn't help it - He
asked for any of us - & must have felt
one in - dressed hurriedly but it took
time - I had never seen him before - such
a happy pleasant stout but energetic
lightfoot busy man - One thing didn't
please - said he thought I looked like Aunt
Lottie @ this age - Now is no - I haven't
mentioned it to Papa - He went East again
last night but will be back in April to
take the family home - Mama came before
he left - & Pa saw him off last night

on the Sunset - That's the disadvantage of being alone in the house
What particularly distressed Sam afterwards was a newspaper over the
parlor glass - as the curtains have been taken down to be cleaned
Ah well - it's not killing - Mamma found that too weak & sick to
have anything - he's seen no one for several days - the worried
having affected his liver or some such thing - so that the effect
is bad - He was out one day during the week before this noise
spells - I thought him less nervous but very tired & weak - I
think it's too much milk - Tom Bowen died suddenly Wednesday
- am told he's been dissipated lately - but had a job to clean
cars - was dusting & dropped suddenly dead - One of those Newsome
girls - the stout one - not the medica - is evidently married
& lives in a cottage out on the Twenty street - such data as
the last is a sort of bicycle observation - The wheel is a care
but pleasure too - Ah - we've been to see the Hobart baby - a
horridly ugly thing - good sized though & seemingly well - Mamma
gave a beautiful little dress - Mrs Hobart had been pleasantly
affected by a note from you on the subject - she was really
much pleased with it and decidedly so with the baby - poor thing -

Mrs Olney doesn't think it so bad - thinks it
will come out all right - I don't see why
infants can't be pretty just as flowers
are in their early states - Composition
day at school is such a pleasure - but we
went a little too far this time - One
effort ^{was noted} was a terribly proportioned girl with a
torch in hand - held back to us - but it highly
illumined - so the torch hand must have
been in a forward plane - with her other
she essayed to catch in the palm air
amazingly distinct star which was then
within a few inches of her but had no effect
of any intention to descend further - The
subject was "Ambition" & as we noticed that
star catching was a prevalent interpretation
of the theme - Miss Smallwood - White - etc -
provided further ^{but} improvement ~~but~~ effects in
which the various shadings of successful
grasping of the star were depicted - Mr
Stanton arrived - was desperately red in
the face - but had the ability to choose the
real exhibits - & drop out the others - He has
no idea how to teach - yet works hard
enough - i. e. puts in his time - My
best wishes to you - — Pa has nice new clothes
& there's a new kitten here - but Clary's gone
with + best wishes again -

La soverla
Emma Morgan

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